

Dear Sirs:I understand that the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has filed a petition (your docket DA 04-1096) to stop satellite radio broadcasters from providing local content, such as XM Instant Traffic & Weather. I urge you to reject this petition.

Satellite radio is one of the best broadcast media developments in years. It offers subscribers freedom from the trash offered by AM, FM, TV, CATV, and Internet providers and flexibility to listen anonymously to programming of their choice. Local programming is a minor extension of that choice. XM Instant Traffic & Weather is superior to anything offered today by other broadcasters. You should not impair the public's freedom to choose local satellite programming over other local programming. In the interest of competition, please reject the NAB petition.